

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2005
ASSISTANCE TO POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of workers engaged in powerloom industry, State-wise;
- (b) the production and percentage of the cloth being manufactured through powerloom out of the total cloth manufactured in the country;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to powerloom industry in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for welfare of the workers engaged in industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 159 FOR ANSWER ON 02.12.2005

(a) State-wise number of workers engaged in powerloom industry as on 30th September, 2005 is at Annexure I.

(b) The production of the cloth in powerloom sector and the total cloth produced/manufactured in the country during the last three years are as follows:-

(Million Square meter)

Year	All Sectors (Including Powerloom Sector)	Percentage
	Khadi, Wool, Silk)	
2002-03	41973 25954	62
2003-04	42383 26947	64
2004-05	44355 28325	62

(c) The following are the on-going Schemes under the Powerloom Sector:-

Modernisation and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres;

Group Workshed Scheme;

Group Insurance Scheme;

Support to Computer Aided Design Centres;

All of the above Schemes are Central Sector Schemes under which no central assistance is provided to the individual States for the development of the powerlooms. However, under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, the State-wise assistance, in the shape of loans, is as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sr. No.	State / U.T.	Loans Sanctioned	Loans Sanctioned	Loans Sanctioned
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	

	(April-September)		
1 Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Gujarat	17.48	10.22	4.09
3 Haryana	0.00	2.26	0.00
4 Karnataka	1.55	0.45	0.50
5 Maharashtra	5.15	0.19	0.00
6 Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Punjab	2.00	4.51	0.00
8 Rajasthan	0.00	4.63	0.00
9 Tamilnadu	6.46	23.35	1.10
10 Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.18	6.87
11 West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	32.64	45.79	12.56

(d) For the welfare of the powerloom workers, the Government has introduced a Group Insurance Scheme in association with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) from 1st July, 2003. There are two separate components under the scheme :- (1) Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY) and (2) Aid-on Group Insurance Scheme (AGIS). Under the JBY, the premium is Rs. 200/- of which Rs. 100/- is paid by LIC and remaining is paid in the ratio of 60: 40 by the Government and the beneficiary. In case of AGIS the total premium of Rs. 180/- is paid on 50: 50 basis by the Government and the beneficiary. A beneficiary also has the option of choosing either of the Schemes or both. The coverage under the Schemes is as under:

Component	Natural Death	Accidental Death	Total Permanent Disability	Partial Permanent Disability
JBY	RS. 20,000/-	RS. 50,000/-	RS. 50,000/-	RS. 25,000/-
ADD-ON-GIS	RS. 30,000/-	RS. 30,000/-		
BOTH	RS. 50,000/-	RS. 80,000/-	RS. 50,000/-	RS. 25,000/-

In addition to the above, a worker under JBY is also entitled, under LIC's Shiksha Sahayog Yojana, to the education grant of Rs.300/- per child / per quarter for two children studying in IX to XII standard.

Annexure-I

State-wise number of workers engaged in powerloom industry as on 30th September, 2005

Sr.

No. Name of the State/Union Territory No. of powerloom Workers

1 Andhra Pradesh	110670
2 Assam	6815
3 Bihar	7235
4 Goa	305
5 Gujarat	806468
6 Haryana	24753
7 Himachal Pradesh	3653
8 Jammu & Kashmir	163
9 Karnataka	204673
10 Kerala	6970
11 Madhya Pradesh	203328
12 Maharashtara	2168840
13 Orissa	8303
14 Punjab	59050
15 Rajasthan	82693
16 Tamil Nadu	930240
17 Uttar Pradesh	164910
18 West Bengal	11758
19 Delhi	2755
20 Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura.	0

II. Union Territory

21 Chandigarh	105
22 Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2405
23 Pondicherry	2075
24 Andaman & Nikobar, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep	0
TOTAL	4808163